

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The invention relates to an isolated polynucleotide having a polynucleotide sequence which codes for the *dps* gene, and a host-vector system having a coryneform host bacterium in which the *dps* gene is present in attenuated form and a vector which carries at least the *dps* gene according to SEQ ID No 1, and the use of polynucleotides which comprise the sequences according to the invention as hybridization probes.

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